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42 Please amend claims 1, 8, 12, 17, and 24.
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45 Please enter the pending claims, including claims 1-27 as follows:
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- 48 1. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for caching multimedia content to an~~
49 ~~occasionally connected device~~, comprising:
50 creating a play list based ~~at least in part~~ on a user's preferences;
51 connecting a device of the user to a network;
52 submitting the play list to a multimedia content provider through ~~[[a]]~~ the
53 network;
54 ~~downloading~~ gathering multimedia content specified in the play list;
55 downloading the multimedia content to a multimedia content cache in
56 ~~[[a]] the device when the device is connected to the multimedia content provider~~
57 ~~and caching the multimedia content on the device;~~
58 disconnecting the device from the network; and
59 playing the ~~cached~~ multimedia content on the device ~~while the device is~~
60 ~~not connected to the multimedia content provider.~~

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1 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein creating a play list comprises:

2 creating an initial play list based on at least one of the following: the user's
3 specifications, a play list pre-defined by the user, and a play list pre-determined
4 by the multimedia content provider;

5 expanding the initial play list by recommending to the user additional
6 content based on the user's preferences; and

7 refining the expanded initial play list based on the user's feedback.

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1 3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein expanding the initial play list
2 comprises cross-pollinating the initial play list using play lists of other users.

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1 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the device comprises a portable
2 device.

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1 5. (Original) The method for claim 1, wherein playing the multimedia content
2 comprises accessing the multimedia content and rendering the multimedia
3 content to the user.

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1 6. (Original) The method for claim 5, wherein accessing the multimedia content
2 comprises at least one of the following: unpacking, decrypting, decompressing,
3 and decoding the multimedia content.

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1 7. (Original) The method for claim 1, wherein the network comprises at least
2 one of the following: a local area network, a wide area network, the Internet, a
3 terrestrial broadcast network, and a wireless network.

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1 8. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for distributing multimedia files,~~
2 comprising:

3 connecting occasionally to a device through the Internet;
4 accepting a play list of multimedia files from a user of the device;
5 searching a database for multimedia content according to the play list;
6 processing the multimedia content before the multimedia content is
7 downloaded; and
8 transferring the multimedia content to ~~an occasionally connected~~ the
9 device.

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1 9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the occasionally-connected device
2 comprises a portable device.

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1 10. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein processing the multimedia files
2 comprises at least one of the following: packaging, encrypting, compressing, and
3 encoding the multimedia files.

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1 11. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the database comprises at least
2 one of static and dynamic multimedia content.

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1 12. (Currently Amended) A system ~~for caching multimedia contents to an~~
2 ~~occasionally connected device,~~ comprising:

3 a play list creator capable of creating a play list of multimedia files;

4 a multimedia content provider capable of providing multimedia files
5 specified by the play list for a user to download;

6 a multimedia content cache capable of receiving the multimedia files
7 through a network while occasionally connected and storing the multimedia
8 files; and

9 a multimedia content player capable of accessing and rendering the
10 multimedia contents to the user.

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1 13. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the play list creator comprises:

2 a play list generating mechanism capable of generating a play list;

3 a pre-determining mechanism capable of at least one of the following:

4 receiving parameters specifying the user's preferences, loading a user pre-

5 defined play list, and providing a number of play lists pre-determined by the

6 multimedia content provider;

7 a recommendation mechanism capable of expanding the play list by

8 recommending additional multimedia files; and

9 a user feedback uploading mechanism capable of uploading the user

10 feedback to refine the play list.

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1 14. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the multimedia content provider
2 comprises:

3 a communication port;

4 a multimedia content database;

5 a searching mechanism capable of searching the multimedia content

6 database for multimedia files in the play list; and

7 a content processing mechanism capable of at least one of the following:

8 packaging, encrypting, compressing, and encoding the multimedia files.

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1 15. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the multimedia content cache
2 comprises:

3 a communication port;

4 a receiving component capable of downloading and receiving the
5 multimedia files from the multimedia content provider through a network; and
6 a storage component capable of storing the multimedia files.

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1 16. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the multimedia content player
2 comprises:

3 a multimedia content access module capable of at least one of the
4 following: unpacking, decrypting, decompressing, and decoding the multimedia
5 files stored in the multimedia content cache; and

6 a multimedia content rendering mechanism capable of rendering the
7 multimedia files to a user.

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1 17. (Currently Amended) An article comprising: a machine accessible medium
2 having content stored thereon, wherein when the content is accessed by a
3 processor, the content provides for caching multimedia content to ~~an~~
4 ~~occasionally connected~~ a device by:

5 creating a play list based ~~at least in part on a user's preferences~~ of a user of
6 the device;

7 submitting the play list to a multimedia content provider through a
8 network while the device is occasionally connected;

9 downloading multimedia content in the play list to a device when the
10 device is connected to the multimedia content provider and caching the
11 multimedia content on the device; and

12 playing the cached multimedia content while the device is not connected
13 to the multimedia content provider.

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1 18. (Original) The article of claim 17, wherein the content for creating a play list
2 comprises content for:

3 creating an initial play list based on at least one of the following: the user's
4 specifications, a play list pre-defined by the user, and a play list pre-determined
5 by the multimedia content provider;

6 expanding the initial play list by recommending to the user additional
7 content based on the user's preferences; and

8 refining the expanded initial play list based on the user's feedback.
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1 19. (Original) The article of claim 18, wherein the content for expanding the
2 initial play list comprises cross-pollinating the initial play list using play lists of
3 other users.
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1 20. (Original) The article of claim 17, wherein the device comprises a portable
2 device.
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1 21. (Original) The article for claim 17, wherein the content for playing the
2 multimedia content comprises content for accessing the multimedia content and
3 content for rendering the multimedia content to the user.
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1 22. (Original) The article for claim 21, wherein the content for accessing the
2 multimedia content comprises content for at least one of the following:
3 unpacking, decrypting, decompressing, and decoding the multimedia content.
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1 23. (Original) The article for claim 17, wherein the network comprises at least
2 one of the following: a local area network, a wide area network, the Internet, a
3 terrestrial broadcast network, and a wireless network.

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1 24. (Currently Amended) An article comprising: a machine accessible medium
2 having content stored thereon, wherein when the content is accessed by a
3 processor, the content provides for distributing multimedia files by:
4 accepting a play list of multimedia files;
5 searching a database for multimedia content according to the play list;
6 processing the multimedia content before the multimedia content is
7 downloaded; and
8 transferring the multimedia content to an occasionally-connected device
9 while connected.

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1 25. (Original) The article of claim 24, wherein the occasionally-connected device
2 comprises a portable device.

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1 26. (Original) The article of claim 24, wherein the content for processing the
2 multimedia files comprises content for at least one of the following: packaging,
3 encrypting, compressing, and encoding the multimedia files.

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27. (Original) The article of claim 24, wherein the database comprises at least one
of static and dynamic multimedia content.